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Honorable Sandra L. Townes United States District Judge Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: <u>United States v. Cournoyer, et al.</u>, 12-CR-65 (SLT)

Dear Judge Townes:

On behalf of Jimmy Cournoyer, I respectfully submit this letter in support of defendant Jose Alejandro Castillo-Medina's Letter Motion for Reassignment of this case to the Honorable Joanna Seybert as related to *United States v. Curatola*, 10-CR-991 (JS) (AKT). From the facts set forth in the motion, it appears that the cases are related and that Mr. Castillo-Medina will be actually prejudiced if these two related cases are heard by two different Courts.

Respectfully,

/s/

John Meringolo

Cc: All counsel (via ECF)